

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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1/2 Hour Worship on Cable Channel 13: Mondays- 5:30PM

Tuesdays- 11:00AM

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

WELCOME Visitors- we are happy that you've joined us for worship today and we extend to you a warm and heartfelt **welcome!** If you haven't received a welcoming folder, please pick one up from the table by the organ. May the Lord bless your worship with us. We also ask our visitors to please read & complete the yellow tri-fold located in the hymnal rack and sign the Guest Book. Thank you!

PREPARATION As you wait for the worship service to begin, instead of visiting with someone in a pew near you, you may want to prepare yourself for worship by reading a portion of Scripture and/or by saying a prayer. The following prayer is one suggestion... **"Good and gracious God, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children. Forgive the sins of your people, heal our weaknesses, and crown our lives with your love, that with all the saints and angels we may glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever."** Additional prayers can be located on pages 10 & 11 and 134-139 in the front of the hymnal.

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY 49

ORDER OF SERVICE Service Of The Word on page 38

HYMNS 93, 257, 239, 238

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (Printed on back of bulletin)

PSALM Psalm 130 (Sung in unison - page 105)

SERMON TEXT, THEME, & PARTS Psalm 130:1-7

PRAISE THE LORD, O MY SOUL!

1. Praise him for his material blessings
2. Praise him for his spiritual blessings

THERMOSTATS With the cold weather upon us, the thermostats in the Church, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall are to be set at 55 degrees during the week. When in use, adjust accordingly and reset to 55 degrees when you leave.

SERVICE Serving the Lord **today** are...**Organist**- Pat Jahns, **Ushers**- Jon Meyer & Jerry Bade (**Next Sunday**- Dennis Stuhr & Louie Belz), **Assistant Ushers**- Byron Langdell & Wayne Johnson, **Greeters**- Dennis & Barb Stuhr (**Next Sunday**- Donna Jacobs & Miriam Haubrich), **Altar Guild**- Maxine Meyer, **Flowers**- (none listed), **Fellowship Hour Host**- (none listed). May the Lord bless such service!

THIS WEEK WITH MY CHURCH

Today Worship at 9:30AM, *Fellowship Hour* at 10:30AM
Monday Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00AM-12:00PM,
Half Hour Worship on Channel 13 at 5:30PM
Tuesday Worship on Channel 13 at 11:00AM,
OWLS (Christ-P.V.) at 12:00PM
Wednesday Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00AM-10:00AM, 11:05AM-12:00PM,
Bible Class (Smoke Tree Village Clubhouse) 10:00AM-11:00AM
Sunday (next) Bible Class at 8:30AM, Worship at 9:30AM, Choir at 10:45AM

OWLS The Tri-city OWLS group meets **this** Tuesday, February 7, at 12:00PM, at Christ-Prescott Valley. The day's activities will begin with a Potluck Meal and will be followed by a presentation by Bill Maurer on he and his wife's recent trip to 3 of our WELS Ministerial Education Schools. All WELS seniors and retirees are encouraged to attend.

MEMBERSHIP MANUAL/DIRECTORY It's that time of year again to update our congregation's Church Directory. If you have a new address/phone number/E-mail address (or know of someone who does) and would like it included in the new Directory, please notify the Church Office by **next** Sunday, February 12. It is hoped to have the 2012 Membership Manual/Directory in your Church mailbox the first part of March.

LENT The fourth season of the Church year is Lent. It "officially" begins with Ash Wednesday (February 22) and climaxes on Good Friday (April 6). Midweek Lenten Services will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. A Soup Supper will be served on Ash Wednesday from 5:30PM-6:15PM). A Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services will also be held at Christ-Prescott Valley, at 4:00PM and at Hope-Chino Valley at 7:00PM. Pastor Hein, Pastor Rothe, and Pastor Henning will be exchanging pulpits and preach under the theme "*See His Cross - Surprising Words From Our Savior's Passion*". Let's **ALL** make use of these Midweek Lenten Services to reflect on Jesus' Holy Passion! May God bless our worship this Lenten Season!

AREAS OF SERVICE Two Areas Of Service are looking for volunteers; they are donating Altar Flowers and serving as Fellowship Hour Host. If either of these areas of service are of interest to you, please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board.

COLLECTIONS In the Narthex there's a box to collect eye wear (glasses/sun glasses) to benefit individuals whose eyesight is "less than perfect" and a box to collect past issues of Meditations to benefit Prison/ Institutional Ministries. On the table in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall there's a basket to collect personal care products (unused small bottles of shampoo, lotion, and bars of soap - like you'd receive from a hotel stay) to benefit area shelters. Keep saving and collecting!

OFFERING STATEMENTS The 2011 Final Offering Statements have been prepared and have been delivered to the Church Mailboxes in the Narthex. Please pick yours up and if there are any questions, please contact Roger Burger at 771-2224.

BACK BULLETINS If you weren't able to make it to Church on a given Sunday, but would still like to stay informed, bulletins from the past 4 Sundays are available from the top row (right side) of the Church Mailboxes in the Narthex.

VALENTINE'S DAY Even though Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) doesn't appear on our Church Calendar, it is a day for showing love. Why not make use of the holiday to show love to our congregation's shut-ins? Send a card reminding them how much they are loved by the Lord (and you) and that they're in your prayers. The following is a current list of our congregation's shut-ins: Carol Bernhagen- 823 Havasu, Chino Valley, AZ, 86323; Gladys Erkel- Good Samaritan-Willow Wind, 3191 Aster Drive, Prescott, AZ, 86305; Irene Gifford- Granite Gate, 3850 Hwy 89, Prescott, AZ, 86301; Jean Kovach- Good Samaritan-Prescott, 1030 Scott Drive, Prescott AZ, 86301; Betty Mooney- 1747 Sarafina, Prescott, AZ, 86301, Don Petersen- 1510 Linwood Avenue, Prescott, AZ, 86305, Lorraine Petersen- Las Fuentes, 1045 Scott Drive, Prescott, AZ, 86301.